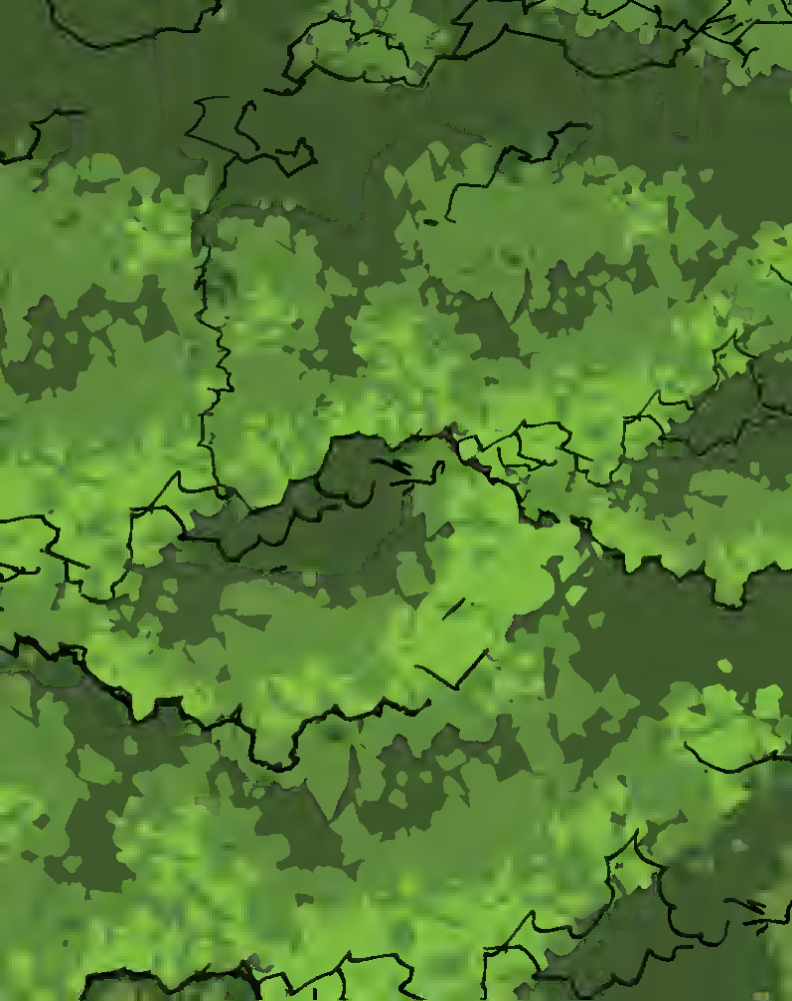

THE FREE CITY
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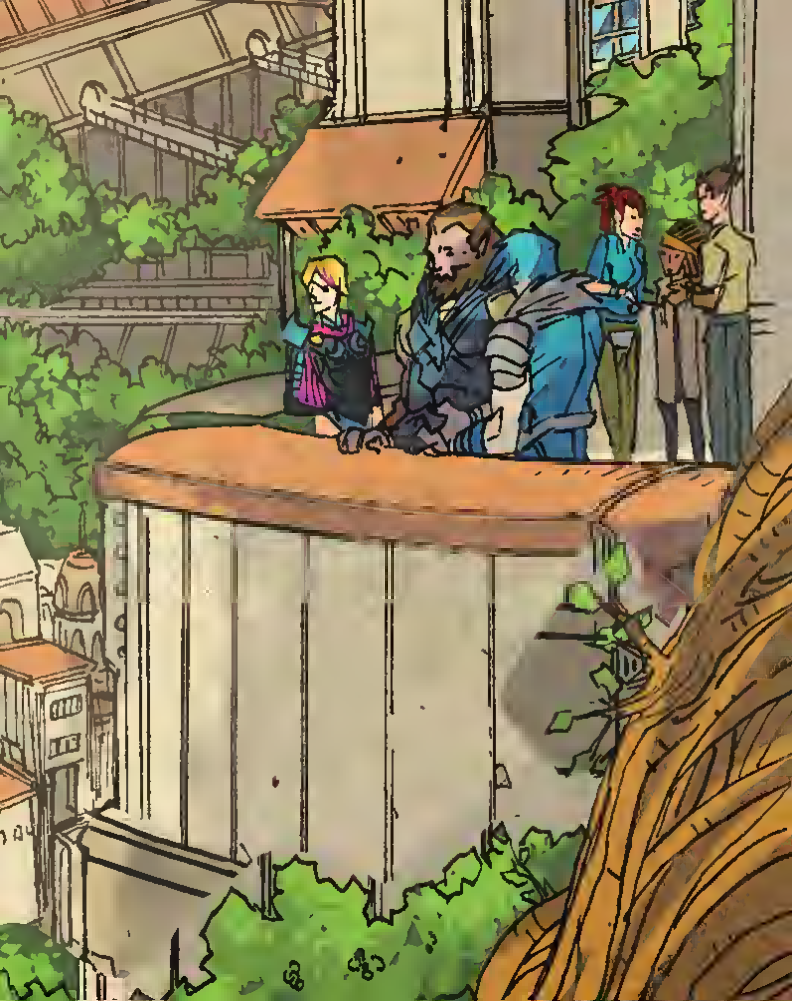

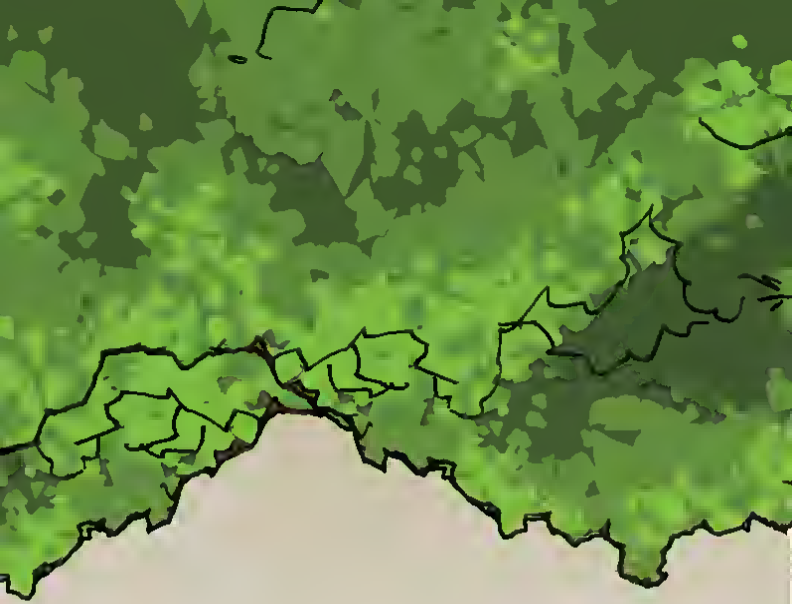

CHAPTER 7

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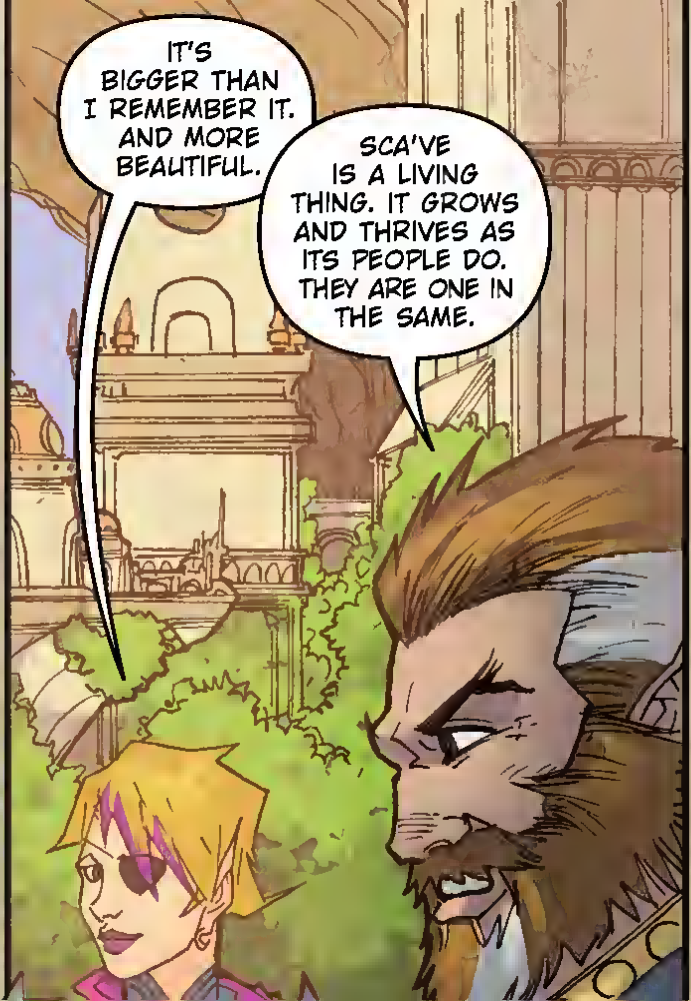
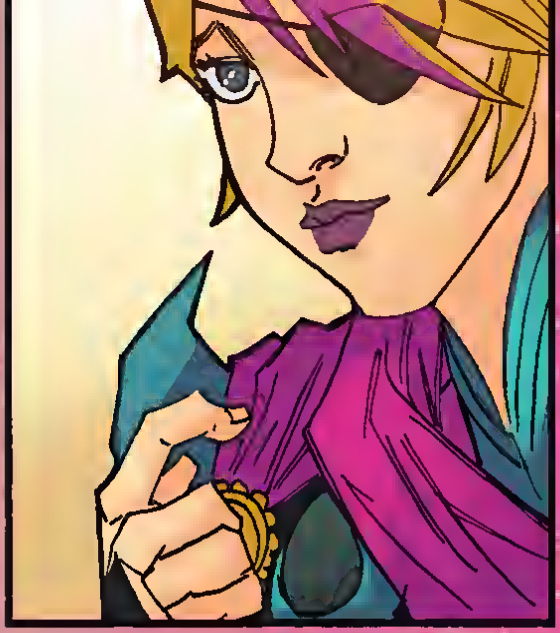
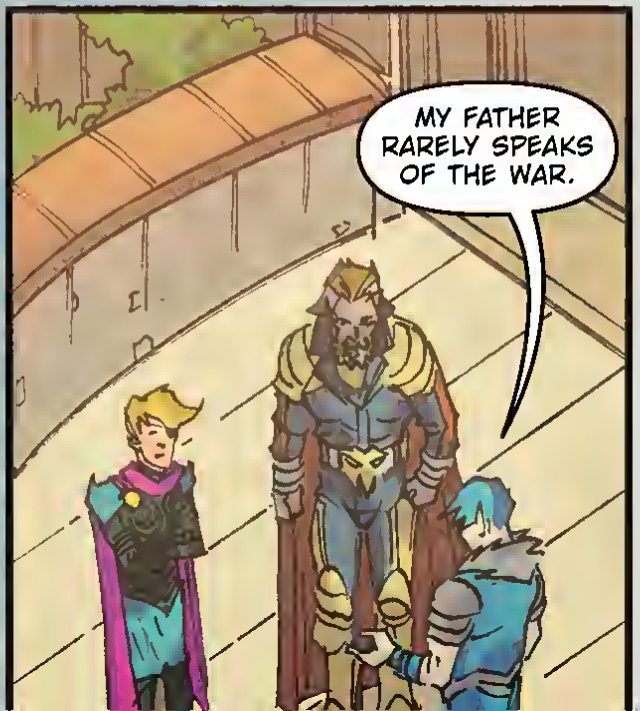

IT'S BIGGER THAN I REMEMBER IT. AND MORE BEAUTIFUL.
SCA'VE IS A LIVING THING. IT GROWS AND THRIVES AS ITS PEOPLE DO. THEY ARE ONE IN THE SAME.

IS IT TRUE YOU WERE A GENERAL IN THE PRIMALS?

YES IT'S TRUE, BUT THAT WAS A LIFETIME AGO. I'M NO LONGER A SOLDIER.

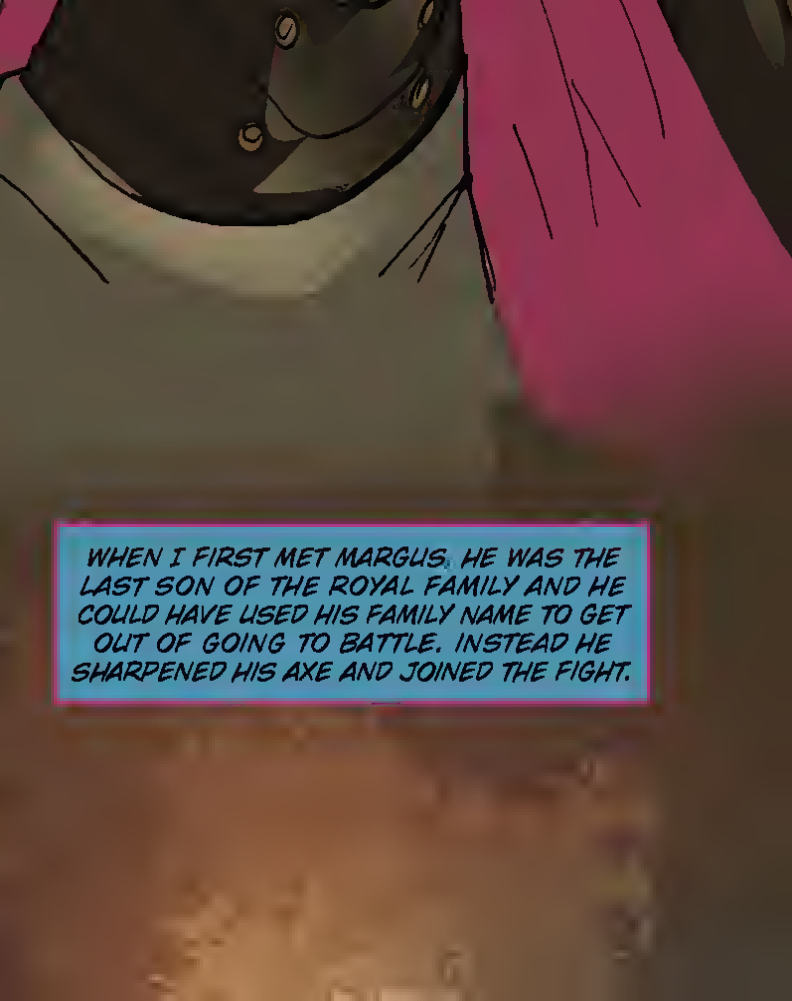


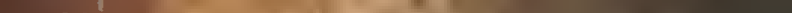
YOU ARE STILL A SOLDIER, BUT IN A DIFFERENT WAR.


MY FATHER RARELY SPEAKS OF THE WAR.

WHAT WAS HE LIKE BACK THEN?

HE WAS...

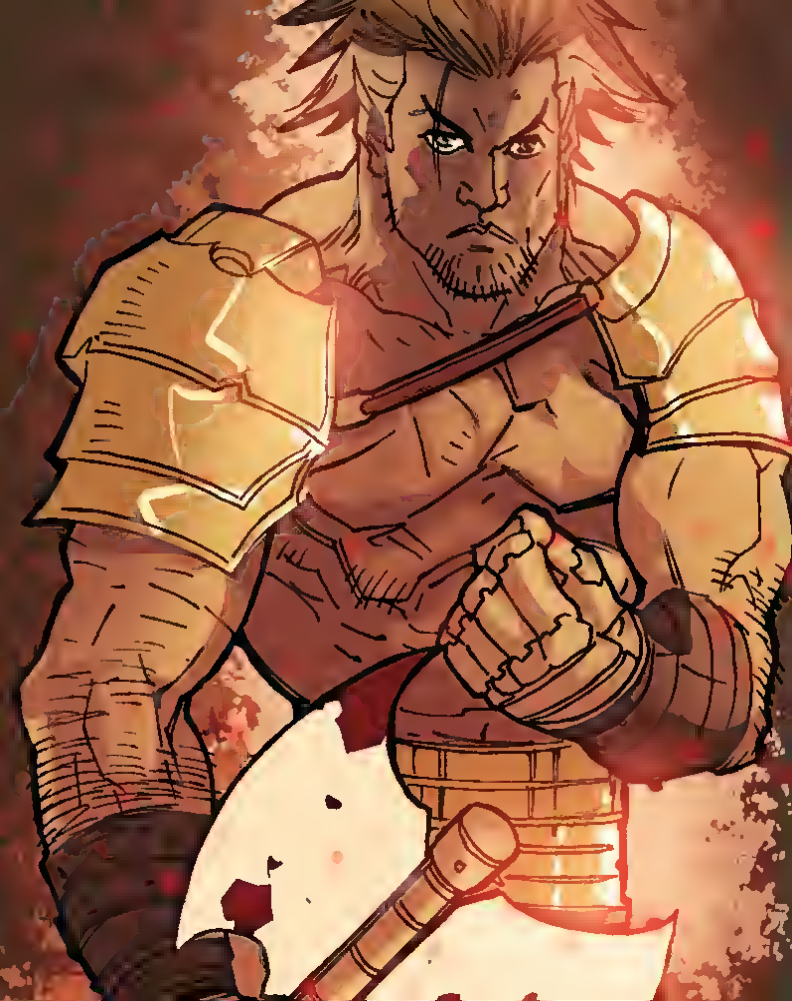

WHEN I FIRST MET MARGUS, HE WAS THE LAST SON OF THE ROYAL FAMILY AND HE COULD HAVE USED HIS FAMILY NAME TO GET OUT OF GOING TO BATTLE. INSTEAD HE SHARPENED HIS AXE AND JOINED THE FIGHT.

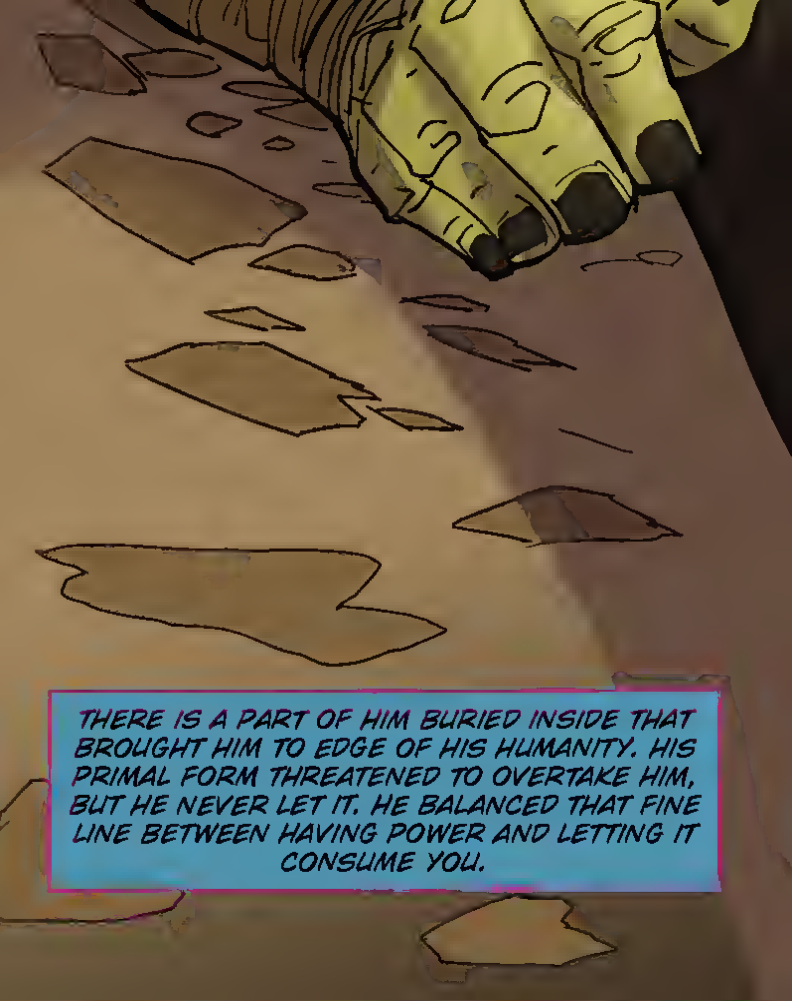


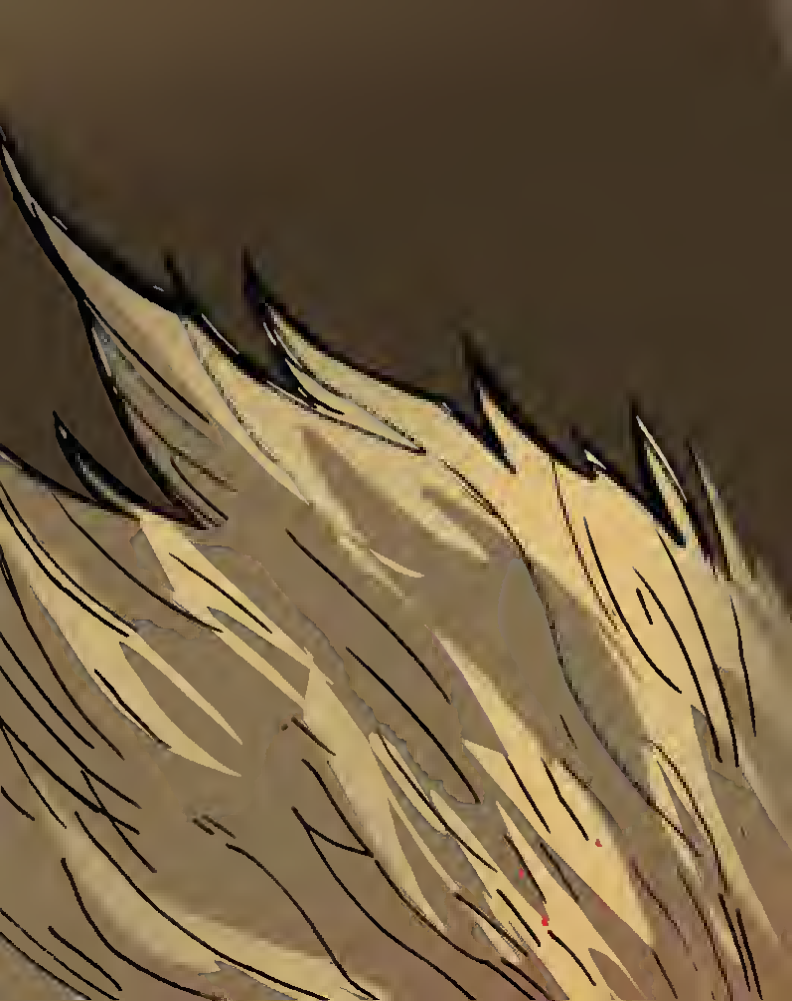
MARGUS AND I WERE A POWERFUL TEAM. BRUTE FORCE MEETS LETHAL

PRECISION.

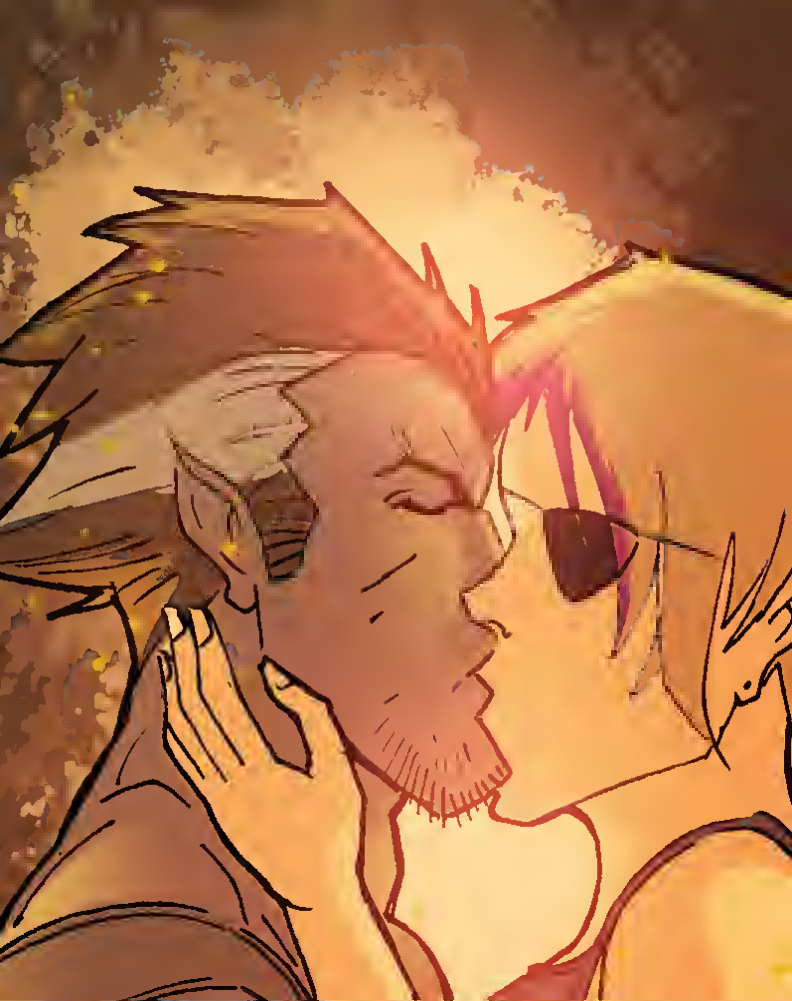
WE BROUGHT THE BATTLE TO THE DRACONUS AND THEIR ALLIES THROUGHOUT MIRROR.




THERE IS A PART OF HIM BURIED INSIDE THAT BROUGHT HIM TO EDGE OF HIS HUMANITY. HIS PRIMAL FORM THREATENED TO OVERTAKE HIM, BUT HE NEVER LET IT. HE BALANCED THAT FINE LINE BETWEEN HAVING POWER AND LETTING IT CONSUME YOU.

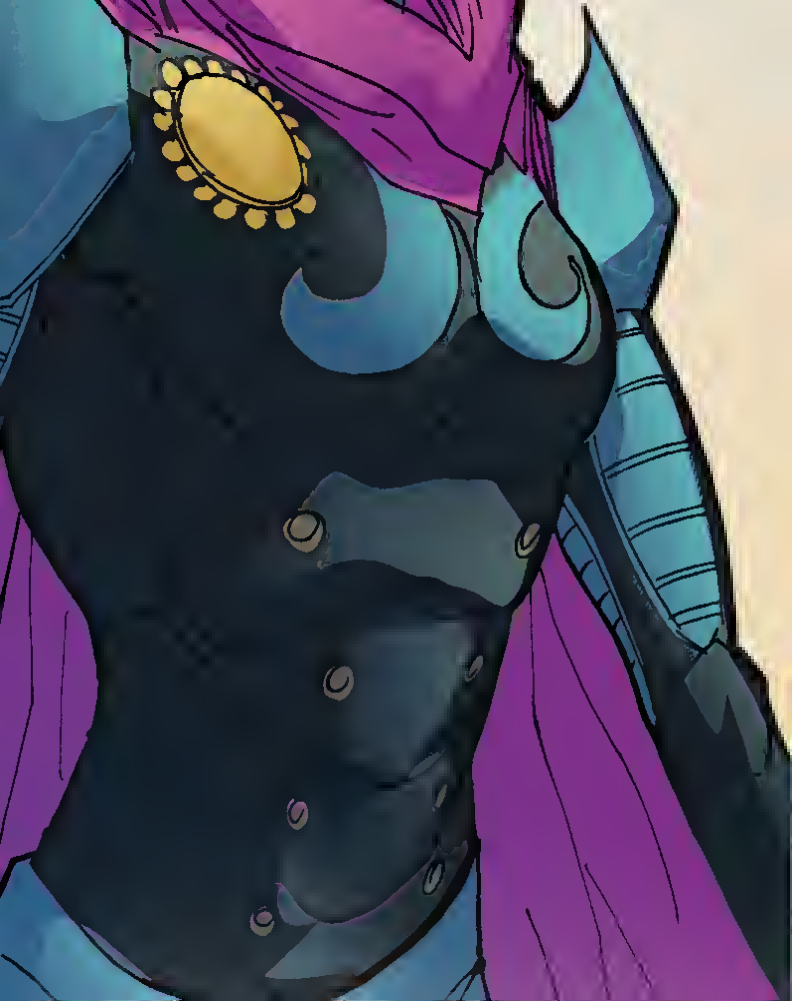


WITH EACH VICTORY WE GREW CLOSER. HE EARNED MY RESPECT AS A WARRIOR. HE EARNED MY LOVE WITH HIS PASSION.
WHEN THE WAR ENDED WE WERE SEENS AS HEROES. HE NEEDED A QUEEN. I NEEDED ANOTHER WAR.



SEEING HIM NOW FILLS ME WITH REGRET. I CHOSE DUTY OVER LOVE.

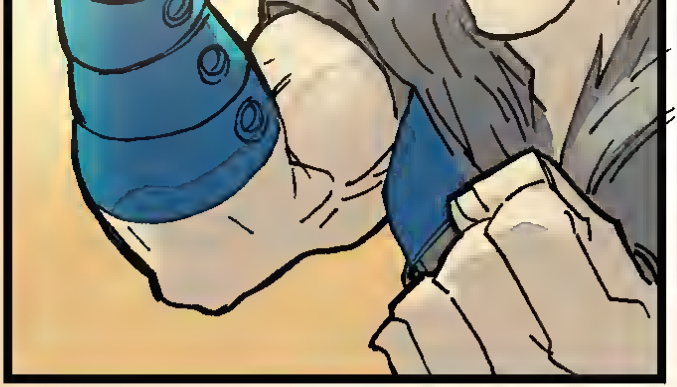
...A COURAGEOUS SOLDIER AND A WARRIOR WITH TREMENDOUS SKILL.



MY APOLOGIES. BUT THAT'S ALL? I WAS HOPING FOR STORIES OF ADVENTURE!

AS I HAVE TOLD YOU IN THE PAST, A WARRIOR'S LIFE IS NOT ONE OF FRIVOLOUS ADVENTURE.
IT'S DUTY AND A COMMITMENT TO A MORAL CODE. IT'S A HARD LIFE.

SOMEDAY I'LL PROVE MY COURAGE IN BATTLE. SHOW THIS WORLD WHAT I'M MADE OF.

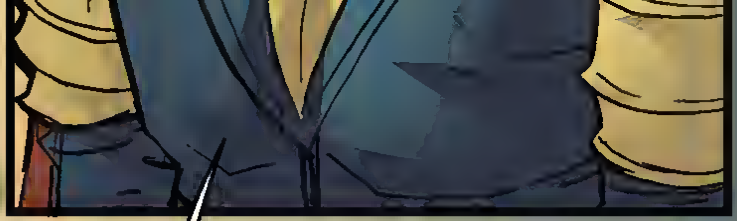


I HOPE THAT DAY NEVER COMES, MY SON. WAR IS A TERRIBLE THING THAT CUTS SHORT THE LIVES OF GOOD PEOPLE.
THERE IS HONOR IN GIVING YOUR LIFE IN BATTLE FOR WHAT YOU BELIEVE IN, BUT THERE ARE MANY WAYS TO SHOW YOUR COURAGE THAT DON'T INVOLVE A WEAPON IN YOUR HAND.

I HATE TO INTERRUPT. KING MARGUS WE URGENTLY NEED A NEW SHIP.

OF COURSE, YOU

COURSE. YOU CAN HAVE ANY OF THE SHIPS FROM MY FLEET.



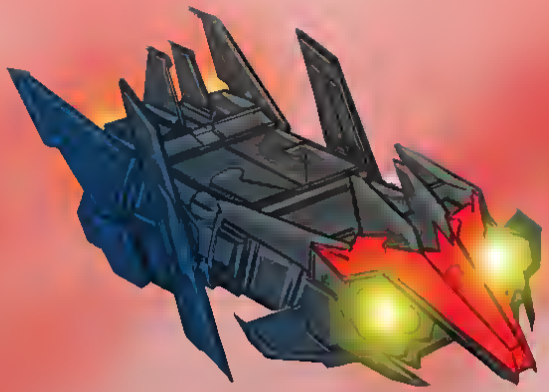
THANK YOU KING MARGUS, BUT I WOULD PREFER TO FIND A SHIP WITH A LOW PROFILE AND WITHOUT LINKS TO YOUR KINGDOM.

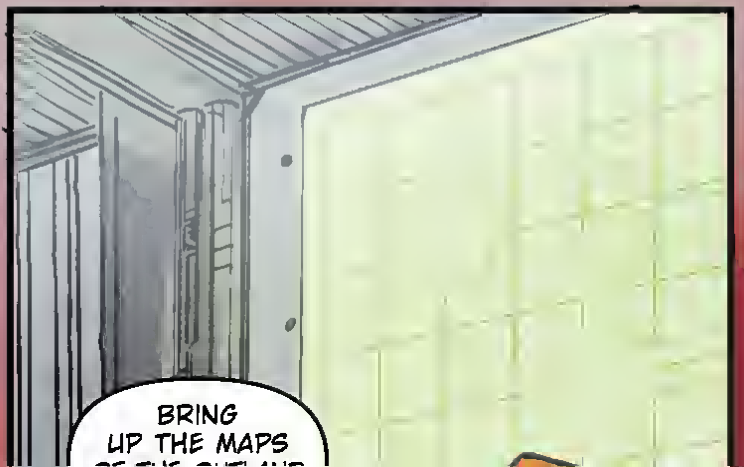
I UNDERSTAND. STEALTH WAS NEVER MY STRONG SUIT. ARGOS WILL TAKE YOUR FRIENDS AND HELP THEM FIND A SHIP. YOU AND I HAVE MUCH TO DISCUSS.

YES, FATHER.

TRAITORS.

THE OUTLANDS




BRING
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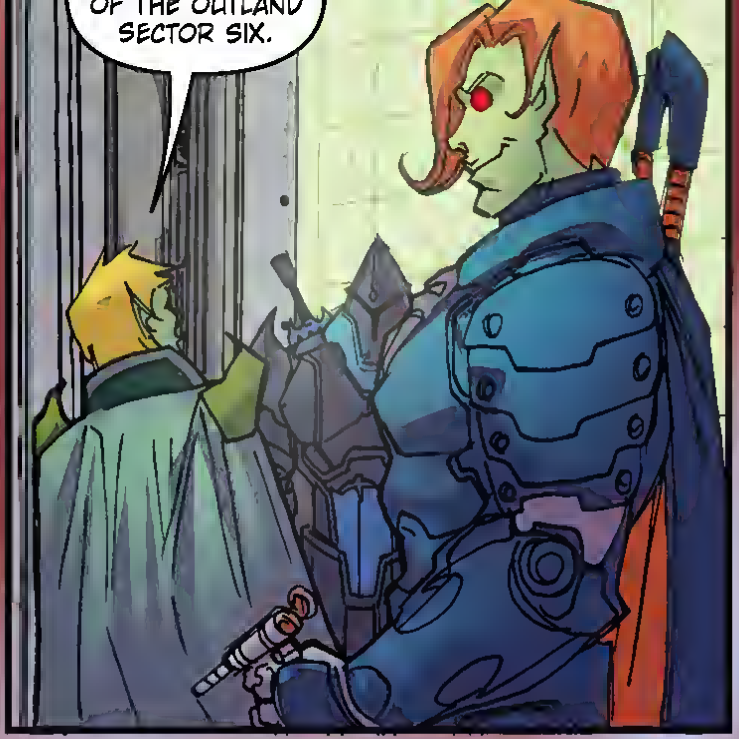
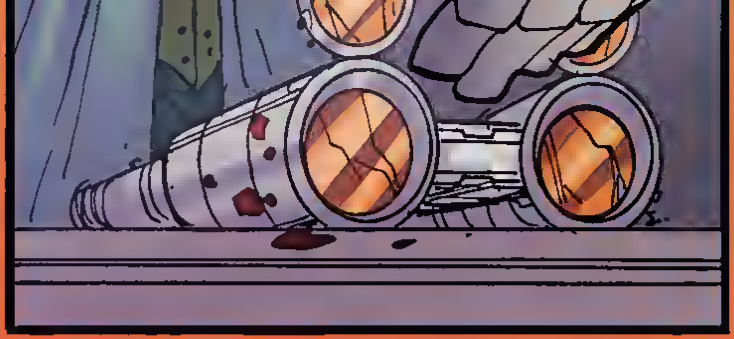

OF THE OUTLAND SECTOR SIX.

WHAT NEWS DO YOU BRING, KEEDD?

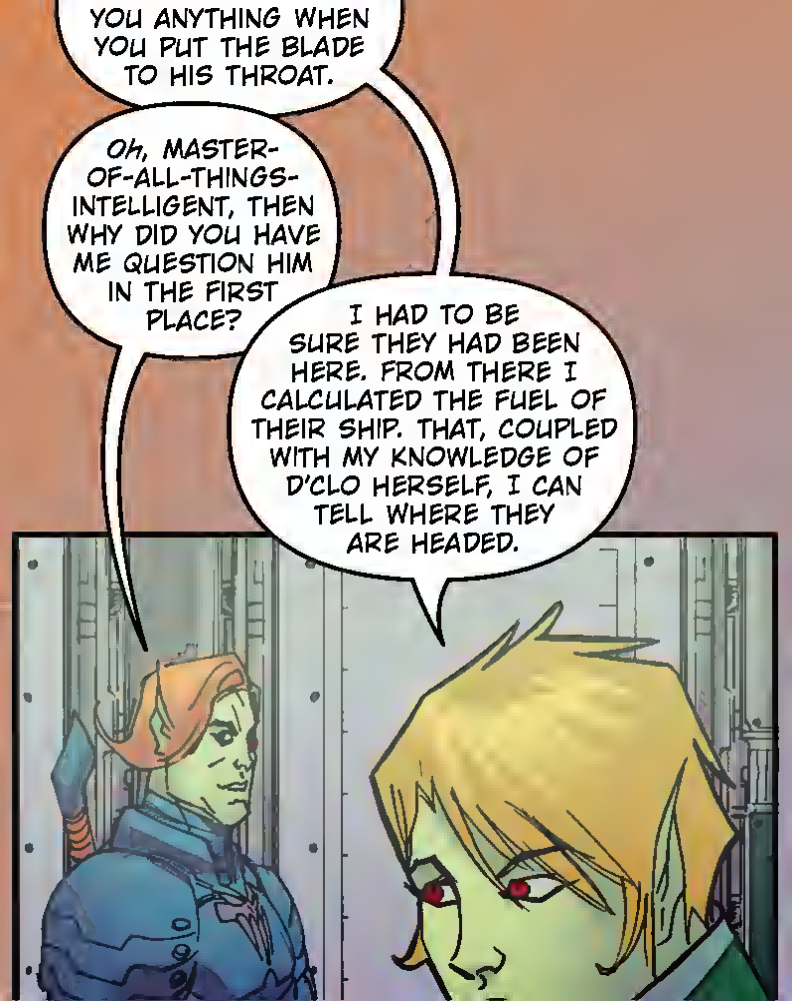
THE OLD-TIMER PUT UP A GOOD FIGHT, BUT IN THE END HE GAVE US THE INFORMATION WE NEEDED.
I BROUGHT YOU A SOUVENIR.



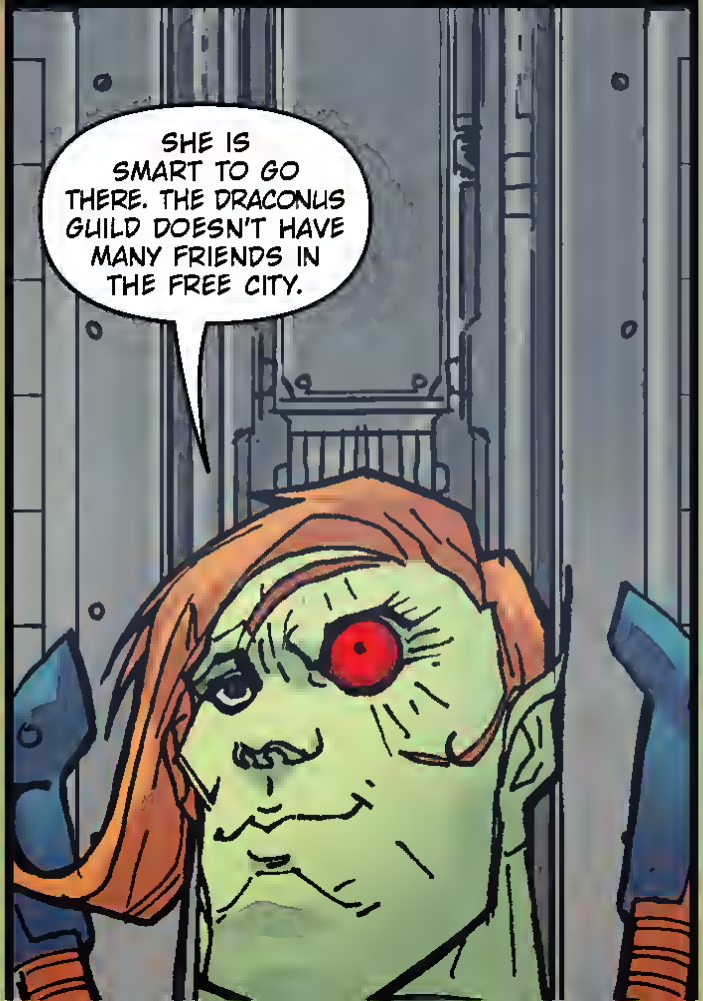
YOU ANIMAL! WE ARE MEANT TO RULE THEM, NOT DESTROY THEM!

ALWAYS WITH THE COMPLIMENTS LORD KOLIN. MUST I REMIND YOU--HIS LIFE, YOUR LIFE, MINE--WE ARE ALL EXPENDABLE IN THE NAME OF THE QUEEN'S WISHES. YOU WOULD DO WELL TO LEARN THIS. PERHAPS HIS DEATH WILL GIVE YOU "FOCUS".

KEEDD, YOU INSUFFERABLE IDIOT. HE WOULD HAVE TOLD

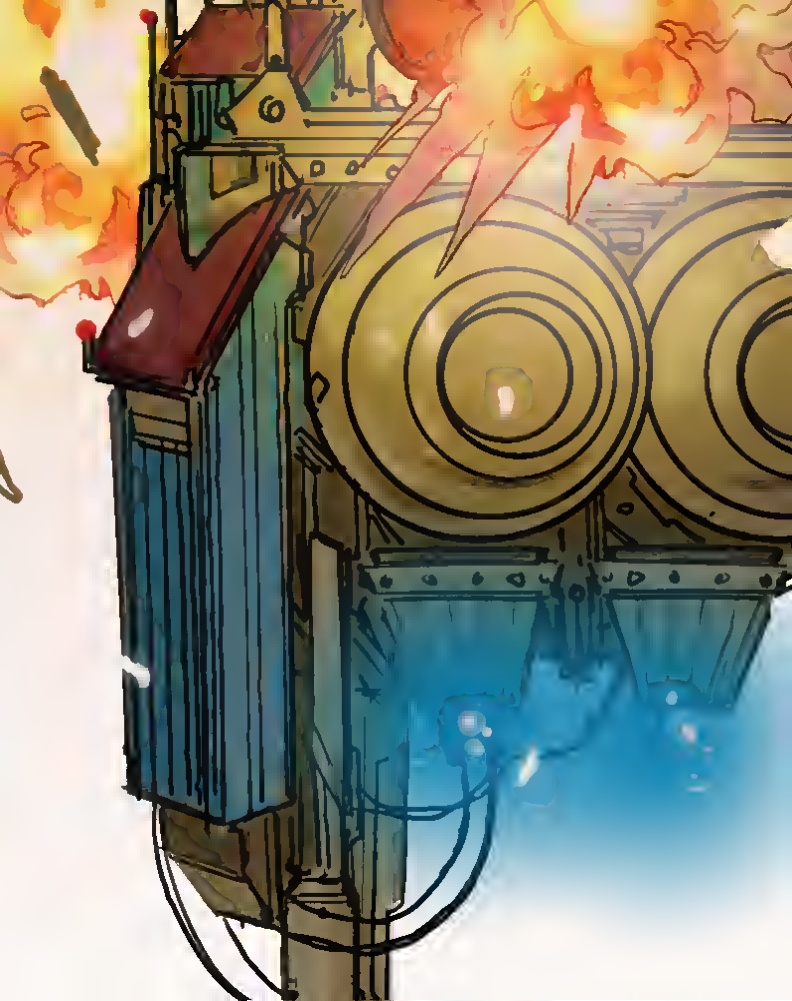

YOU ANYTHING WHEN YOU PUT THE BLADE TO HIS THROAT.
OH, MASTER-OF-ALL-THINGS-INTELLIGENT, THEN WHY DID YOU HAVE ME QUESTION HIM IN THE FIRST PLACE?
I HAD TO BE SURE THEY HAD BEEN HERE. FROM THERE I CALCULATED THE FUEL OF THEIR SHIP. THAT, COUPLED WITH MY KNOWLEDGE OF D'CLO HERSELF, I CAN TELL WHERE THEY ARE HEADED.

SCA'VE!


SHE IS SMART TO GO THERE. THE DRACONUS GUILD DOESN'T HAVE MANY FRIENDS IN THE FREE CITY.

WE HAVE ONE.

FULL SPEED TO SCA'VE.



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AND I

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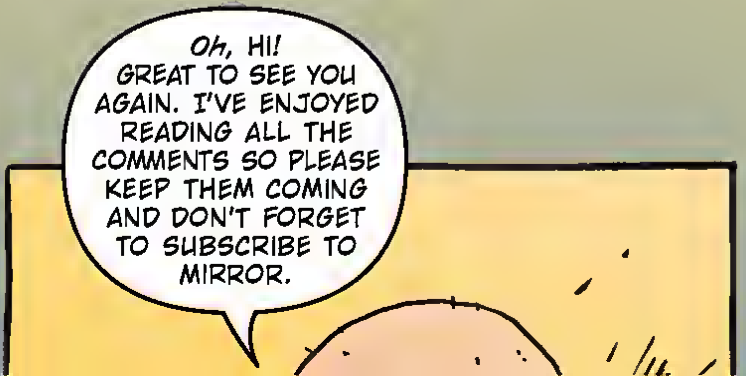
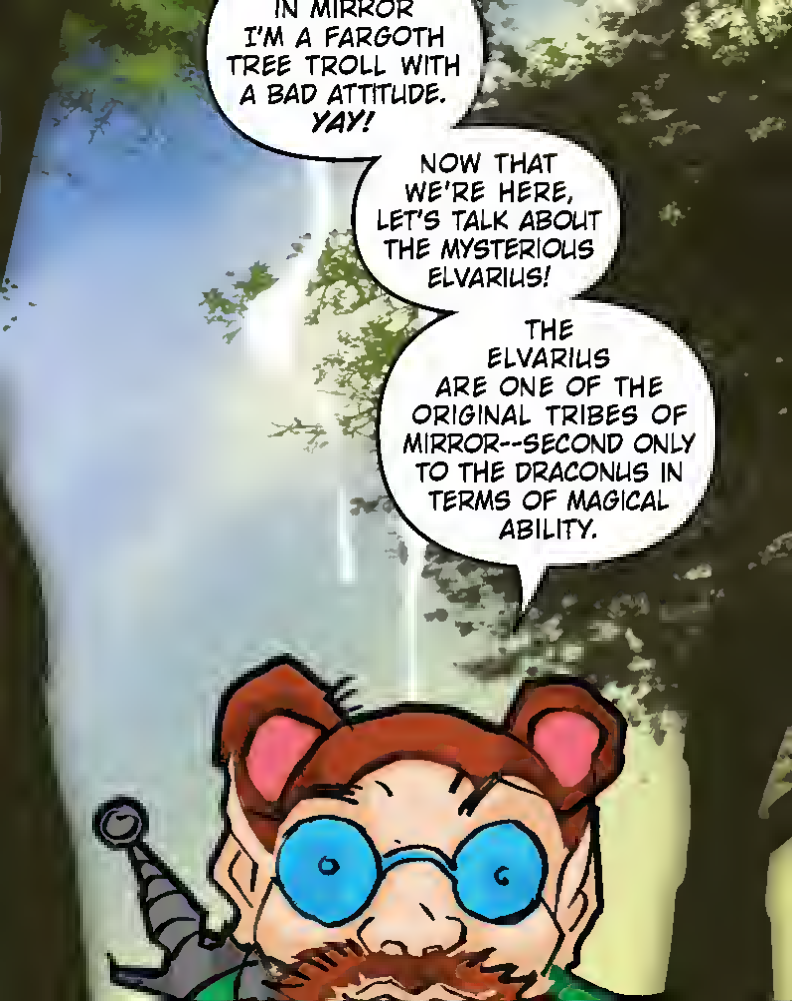

Oh, HI!
GREAT TO SEE YOU AGAIN. I'VE ENJOYED READING ALL THE COMMENTS SO PLEASE KEEP THEM COMING AND DON'T FORGET TO SUBSCRIBE TO MIRROR.

I WAS THINKING WE COULD GO ON A LITTLE ADVENTURE, SO LET'S GO TO MIRROR! I HAVE SOME INSIDE INFORMATION ON THE HISTORY OF MIRROR I'D LIKE TO SHARE WITH YOU.

BLOOD

I'LL NEVER GET USED TO TRAVELLING BETWEEN EARTH AND MIRROR.
Omigosh.


IN MIRROR I'M A FARGOTH TREE TROLL WITH A BAD ATTITUDE. YAY!
NOW THAT WE'RE HERE, LET'S TALK ABOUT THE MYSTERIOUS ELVARIUS!
THE ELVARIUS ARE ONE OF THE ORIGINAL TRIBES OF MIRROR--SECOND ONLY TO THE DRACONUS IN TERMS OF MAGICAL ABILITY.

THERE ARE THREE KINDS OF ELVARIAN TRIBES.
THEY SHARE THE SAME ORIGIN, BUT THEY SPLIT INTO TWO SEPARATE RELIGIOUS FACTIONS THAT HAVE BEEN LOCKED IN BATTLE FOR THOUSANDS OF YEARS.
THE RED ELVARIUS SOUGHT TO FIND THE ORIGINS OF MIRROR AND THE TRUE MEANING OF MAGIC POWER. THEY ARE CONSIDERED RELIGIOUS FANATICS BY THE IVORY
THE RED

ELVARIUS.

ELVARIUS HAVE USED THEIR UNDERSTANDING OF MAGIC TO CONTROL ASPECTS OF PERCEPTION AND REALITY, INCLUDING THE ABILITY TO CLOAK (MAKE THEMSELVES INVISIBLE IN THE MINDS OF OTHERS).

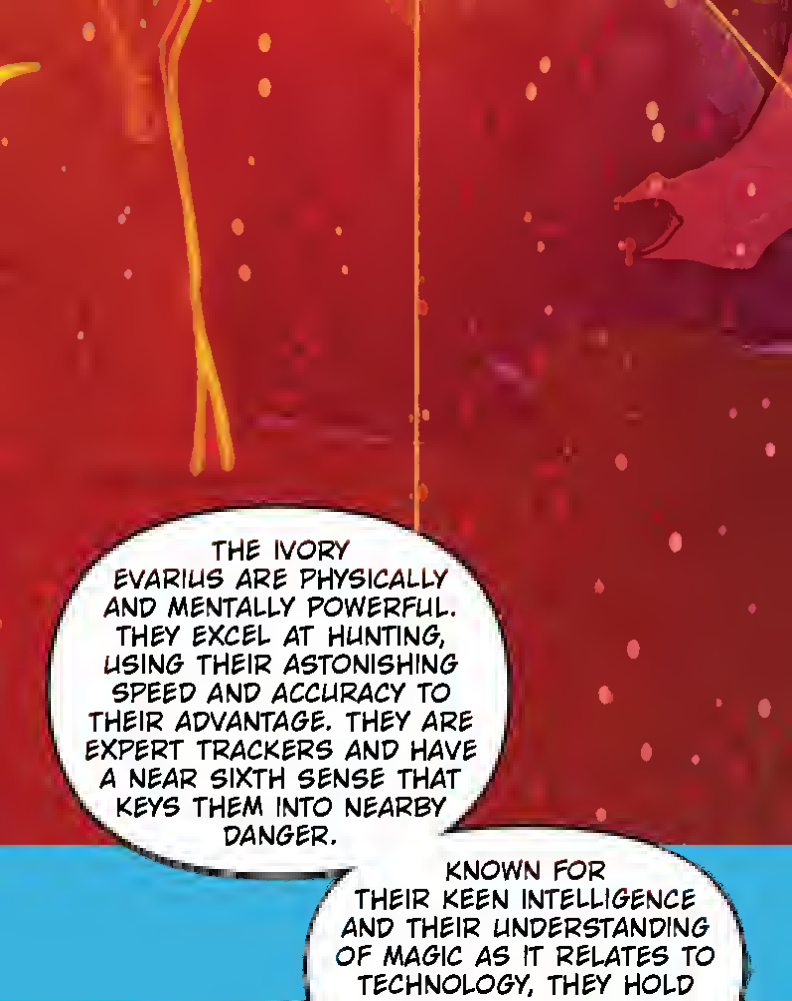
SOME OF THEM HAVE BECOME POWERFUL SORCERERS, DIGGING DEEP INTO THE STREAM OF MAGIC ENERGY THAT SURROUNDS AND HOLDS TOGETHER OUR VERY EXISTENCE.

THEY LIVE IN WHAT ARE CONSIDERED PRIMITIVE CONDITIONS, AND BELIEVE THAT THE MODERN WORLD OF MIRROR HAS LOST THE TRUE MEANING OF MAGIC AND WILL SOON FACE A DAY OF RECKONING.

TRUE TO THEIR NAME, THE RED ELVARIUS HAVE RED SKIN AND, SOMETIMES, DARK BLUE HAIR. THEY ALSO HAVE LONG POINTED EARS AND NOSES TO COMPLIMENT THEIR SHARP FEATURES.

THEY HAVE FOUR BLACK MARKS ON THEIR FOREHEAD THAT

ON THEIR FOREHEAD THAT ARE GIVEN TO THEM AT BIRTH. THESE MARKS REPRESENT THE FOUR STAGES OF UNDERSTANDING WITHIN THEIR RELIGION: ***TRUTH, SECOND SIGHT, KNOWLEDGE*** AND ***INNER SIGHT.***


THE IVORY EVARIUS ARE PHYSICALLY AND MENTALLY POWERFUL. THEY EXCEL AT HUNTING, USING THEIR ASTONISHING SPEED AND ACCURACY TO THEIR ADVANTAGE. THEY ARE EXPERT TRACKERS AND HAVE A NEAR SIXTH SENSE THAT KEYS THEM INTO NEARBY DANGER.
KNOWN FOR THEIR KEEN INTELLIGENCE AND THEIR UNDERSTANDING OF MAGIC AS IT RELATES TO TECHNOLOGY, THEY HOLD

MANY KEY POSITIONS WITHIN THE GOVERNMENT OF MIRROR.

IVORY ELVARIUS HAVE ALMOST TRANSLUCENT SKIN. THEY TYPICALLY HAVE BLOND HAIR AND BLUE EYES, ALTHOUGH SOME HAVE PINK OR RED EYES DEPENDING ON THEIR BLOOD-LINE. LIKE THE RED ELVARIUS, THEY ALSO HAVE POINTED EARS AND SHARP FEATURES.

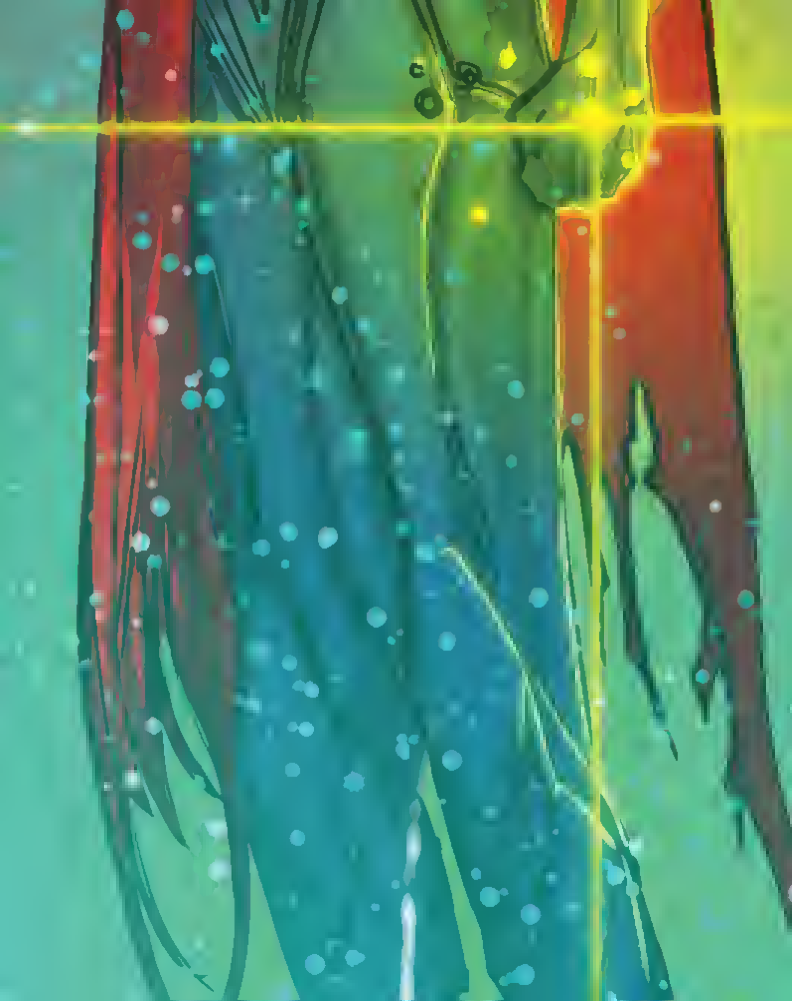
LEGEND HAS IT THAT THE SHA DO KA ARE PART DEMON AND PART ELVARIUS. SHA' DO' KA ARE POWERFUL SORCERERS THAT ARE ABLE TO MASTER THE ABILITY TO TRAVEL BETWEEN EARTH AND MIRROR.
THEY HAVE DARK BLUE SKIN WITH EXTENSIVE TATTOOS THAT TELL THE ORIGINS OF THEIR FAMILY LINE AND MAY

INCLUDE HIDDEN SPELLS THAT THE INDIVIDUAL SHA' DO' KA HAS DISCOVERED.

THEY ARE NOT RECOGNIZED BY THE OTHER ELVARIUS AS PART OF THEIR CULTURE. ALTHOUGH THEY FOLLOW SOME OF THE SAME TEACHINGS OF THE RED ELVARIUS.

IN THE EARLY DAYS OF MIRROR, THE SHA DO KA WERE HUNTED BY THE OTHER ELVARIUS TRIBES AND THEIR SKINS WERE USED AS TROPHIES. (DISGUSTING!)

D'CLO AND JESS ARE BOTH ELVARIAN, BUT ARE COMBINATIONS OF BOTH THE RED AND IVORY TRIBES. WITH D'CLO HAVING STUDIED WITH THE SHA DO KA GIVING HER DEEPER UNDERSTANDING OF MAGIC.



TIME TO GET BACK TO MY DRAWING TABLE BACK ON EARTH.
BLOOP

BACK SAFE AND SOUND.

I HOPE YOU ENJOYED OUR TRIP TO THE WORLD OF MIRROR. BE SURE TO LEAVE YOUR QUESTIONS AND THOUGHTS IN THE COMMENTS SECTION BELOW. SEE YOU ON THE OTHER SIDE!